

## From Oak Ridge.

The telephone interest is growing very rapidly. The farmers' staked off the line from New Wells to Oak Ridge last Wednesday and the line from west of Appleton is being staked off this week. The constructing will be done at once. These are divisions of the Farmers' Mutual and will have their switchboard in Oak Ridge. The people in Oak Ridge have given the farmers a hearty welcome and want as many lines as possible to come in. This is an economizing telephone system. It operates at 25c per month after the line is built and is therefore much cheaper than any other system. This is the thing for all farmers to have. Come on, you enthusiastic, progressive farmers.

Respectfully, J.

## Old Fools Yet.

A smooth fellow admitting he was past 50, has been fooling the widows of three states.

The first one to complain was Mrs. Jackson of Iowa, Kans. She was good looking, had a farm, a lot of property, four children and some money.

He gave his name as John Madson, and claimed to be a rich California stockman and orange grove owner. He needed \$1,000 to pay on a fine horse he was buying in Kentucky. The lady coughed it up. He then had her meet him in Kansas City to be married. There he borrowed \$400 more, to buy tickets to the Golden Gate. Then he disappeared and she has no idea where he is.

She went to St. Louis on some kind of a clew with an attorney, and when her presence and mission had been announced, two other women appeared to console her, for they, too, had given up a lot of wealth to Madson.

It is better for widows who want to marry again, to deal with home-grown widowers, whose real names they know, and not spend their wealth on adventurers. —Ex.

## Wants an Oligarchy.

On the seal of the great state of Missouri is inscribed these words: "Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto." "Let the people's safety be the supreme law of the land."

Here in Jackson we have some alderman, it seems, that believe the city government should be in the hands of a few, in short, if the resolution is adopted it is paving the way to establish an oligarchy, a sort of aristocracy. The resolution to be introduced would take us a step backward and we believe that before our aldermen vote on this resolution they should consult their constituents in each ward. If the majority of each ward or anywhere near the majority talk like they want to go back to the old way then our aldermen could make a move in that direction. We have not heard the general public clamoring for a change and hence we infer that only the few want the change. This resolution would cut down the number of wards from four to

two, the number of aldermen from eight to four, like it used to be when the city was a village, when it had neither electric lights, water works, nor street grades. The solicitous councilman of the city's behests who would introduce this resolution surely would not "look and leap, launch and leave" those precious though "ancient land-marks of the Fathers." He would go back to primordial conditions. He doubtless sees in so large and unwieldy body as eight councilmen a great handicap to the city's material prosperity. The "vulgar herd" are surely distasteful to his notion of what constitutes an ideal city council.

Is it that so large a body as eight does not permit those delightful tete-a-tetes, those cheek-by-jowl conferences from which come unity of thought, purpose and action?

Is it that only a few—very few—are capable of understanding the great intricate and perplexing problems of municipal administration? If so, the ideal alderman must be celestially endowed with a small scintillating spark at least of the "divine right of kings," as it were, to fulfill all the demands of such an office. Such men are born, not made. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." You have heard that before.

To rid the council of its ciphers, supernumeraries, or I-second-the-motion-men is doubtless a part of the aim and purpose of the measure, leaving only those whose "souls are on fire" and whose hearts bleed for the city's welfare.

If only such men could have been at the helm among our ancient burghers, when the twilight of reason was slowly tracing the line between civilization and barbarism we would not now be waiting for the millennium of municipal good government.

## The Willard Offering.

The exercises held in the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon in honor of the memory of Frances E. Willard was attended by a good audience. Miss Roena Shaner presided over the meeting. The W. C. T. U. Crusade Psalm was read by Mrs. C. A. Macom. The reading by Mrs. Don LaPierre, "Prohibition, a Civic Necessity," was very good. A. M. Spradling gave a very appropriate and instructive address on Frances E. Willard. The songs by the boys and girls were well received by the audience. The quartette by the members of the Presbyterian choir was well selected and well rendered. At the close of the exercises, Miss Shaner made a few remarks touching on the W. C. T. U. women visiting the legislature. She said this was a brand new thing, something that never occurred in Missouri before. She said that the law makers both in the House and the Senate gave the women a very cordial and courteous reception. Miss Shaner feels confident that their waiting on the legislature will produce good.

## West Side Railroad.

A representative of the Southern Missouri railroad was in Jackson a few days ago. He was looking over the survey made some years ago on the west side of Jackson. He says that the Southern Missouri people are thinking strongly of coming from a point on the road leading from Ste. Genevieve to Bismarck south, and they are looking out a route on the west side of city and will run on down to Thebes.

## Old Feuds Forgotten.

Ex-Senator William E. Chandler of New Hampshire paid a visit to Portsmouth while the Japanese-Russian peace conference was in progress.

Some of the local dignitaries took the senator out in a carriage to see the town. As they were riding the senator, according to the Saturday Evening Post, said, "I am getting to be an old man now. After many years in public life I have reached the point where all the old feuds are forgotten. I have no word but praise for any of the men who have been against me. I have forgotten all the old fights. Everything is now peaceful and tranquil. I cherish no animosities. By the way, what is that statue erected over there on that square."

"Why, senator," said Judge Page, "that is our new statue of Fitz John Porter."

"Fitz John Porter," shouted Chandler. "Do you mean to say that this city of Portsmouth has erected a statue to Fitz John Porter, that scoundrel?"

And he didn't stop for half an hour.

## The New Man.

From Norway comes a strange tale: In Drontheim in a boys' school, a curious innovation was made. Boys were taught cooking and the experiment was successful. So successful that other boys' schools are going to adopt the plan and thus the war is boldly carried into the enemy's camp.

Women, look to your laurels! Ousted by men cooks in the highest professional walks of cookery, the ubiquitous "maid-of-all-work" will presently have to make room for the "man of all work." The innovation from a utilitarian point of view is, however, not to be despised. The bachelor will face the world with greater independence. Should he, however, be inveigled into marriage, he will understand and appreciate the petty domestic troubles of his wife, to which he lends, so far, an unsympathetic ear.

## Nearly 1,000 Pianos at a Bargain.

Lyon & Healy of Chicago, known everywhere as the world's largest music house, are doing a remarkable thing. They are rebuilding their great establishment and offering an enormous stock of pianos to make room for carpenters, painters, etc. Lyon & Healy offer all these pianos on such extraordinary terms that hundreds will buy now who otherwise might wait till next year. In short, here is a chance to get a much better piano for any sum you have in mind than you could ordinarily obtain.

Write to-day for the list of pianos in this piano sale which is an event entirely unprecedented in the history of piano-selling. Address Lyon & Healy, 10 Adams St., Chicago. Four distinct plans of easy payments for those who do not wish to pay all cash.

## From Oak Grove School.

Pretty weather now; looks like spring time.

Health is fairly good in this vicinity with the exception of some bad colds.

Grandma Rayburn is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. Willie Masters and sister Clara spent the day Sunday at Mr. August Klaproth's family.

Mrs. Effie Rayburn and

her little boys spent the afternoon at Mr. August Klaproth's also.

Little Mildred, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopper, died at their home, three miles north of Cape Girardeau, on Sunday, February 21st. The little one was 9 months and 21 days old. The remains were laid to rest Feb. 22nd at 10 o'clock a. m. at Hobbs' chapel.

Mr. Amos Masters moved to Jackson. Mrs. Eula Masterson who has been sick for a long time is worse at this writing.

Mr. George Rayburn and his two daughters, May and Myrtle, visited J. H. Williamson last Sunday.

There was a box supper at Kage school house Saturday night. There was quite a large crowd present. They made \$6.50; proceedings to go for books and supplies for Sunday school.

J. W. Rayburn of Pomonio, Ill., came over to Missouri last week to buy a horse. He bought one from Joe Niblack and took it back home with him Tuesday.

Mr. Goss and family spent the day at the Cape Sunday. Our school is getting along nicely.

A Pupil.

## Card of Thanks.

To the friends who came to us in our hour of trouble and contributed all that human kindness could suggest, to help and comfort during the sickness and death of our mother, we return most heartfelt thanks and although such devoted friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger around our vacant chair, it brings into view the brightest side of humanity, and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into a darkened home. May the day be far distant when those who gathered around us will need similar attention, but when the time comes may they receive the same full measure of generosity and tender sympathy they brought to our home when death was an inmate there.

ALVIN MILDE,  
E. MILDE,  
CLARA MILDE,  
Children.

## Notice of Redemption of Bonds

To the holders of Cape Girardeau Township, Cape Girardeau County, Railroad Refunding Bonds.

Notice is hereby given that by authority of the county court of Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, by its order duly made and entered of record the County Treasurer of said county is directed to pay off and redeem five Railroad Refunding bonds of Cape Girardeau Township in said county, numbered 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, dated April 2, 1902, of the denomination of \$1000 each, bearing 4½ per cent interest; said bonds, principal and interest, will be paid by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, at St. Louis, Mo., on the second day of April, 1909, and if above numbered bonds are not presented for payment on that day the interest on same will cease.

JOHN G. PUTZ, Treasurer,  
FRED GOYERT, County Clerk,  
Jackson, Mo., Feb. 23, 1909.

## Kage School Notes.

We are pleased to know that all the sick folks in this vicinity are on the road to recovery.

The box supper at the Kage school was well attended. Everyone enjoyed himself, and quite a nice little sum was made for the Sunday school.

Mr. Albert Schrock and Miss Mamie Masters visited Miss Ida Weiss last Sunday. Prof. Thomas Joyce was home from St. Louis last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jake Ruebel has been suffering with pleurisy for the past week, but is much better at this writing.

Mr. Will Pape who is attending the normal spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weiss.

Miss Mattie Masterson and sister were at the box supper Saturday night.

Mr. Otto Hitt visited his cousin, Mr. Willie Williams, last week.

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## Home Comer's Association Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Cape Girardeau County Home Comer's Association will be held at the circuit court room in the new court house, Jackson, Missouri, on Tuesday evening, March 2, 1909, at 7:30 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other business of importance will be transacted. All members are urged to be present; and the citizens of Jackson, generally, are invited to attend.

HENRY PULS,  
Secretary.

## Slips and Slaps From Poca.

Health not as good as common.

Mrs. Herman Koanig and Mrs. Theo. Saupe or on the sick list, and there is not a good report to be made as they are both very low at this writing.

Mr. E. G. Wallman got a gasoline engine. E. G. had better put a roof over the top of his barn lot or the old gray mare will go straight up when he turns it loose.

The Farmers' Mutual Telephone system has stretched a through line from Poca to New Wells.

Herman Lietnegger and family of Ridge, Perry county, visited relatives in Cape county Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Beckmeyer and son of Norman, Mo., arrived here Saturday to help celebrate Landgraft's birthday.

Messrs. Herbert Baldrige, Bob Reid and F. S. Portis were seen on our streets Sunday.

Carl Ruff made a calling trip to the Cape Sunday.

J. M. Thompson and family are on the sick list with la grippe.

Mr. Virgil Mizer has gone into the realty business.

J. C. Engelhart and sister made a visiting trip to Jackson Sunday.

Herman Petzoldt and Henry Rastl are in line with the rest of their neighbors. They can sit by the stove, chew their tobacco and spit on their chews and keep track of all the news.

If you should want a good jersey cow see Mrs. W. A. Bonney. She sold three the other day at a nice reasonable price.

We have been noticing

posters circulated of a public sale of personal property at M. F. Zorn's Thursday, March 4, one and a half miles east of here.

E. G. Schoen went to Orisole and Egypt in the interest of an old line insurance company.

H. W. Putz made a business trip to Jackson Monday.

Albert Wallman had business at Altenberg Saturday.

Gust Wall of the Cape arrived here Tuesday to visit his parents.

The young folks had a party at Mathias Steiner Sunday night.

Miss Ella Kienninger returned home from St. Louis to spend the rest of the winter with her parents.

The Jolly Boys' Band had a jolly time. They had some Apple creek in bottle and it was powerful good.

Cotner Bros. moved their saw mill to John Leimer's Monday.

Fred Lietnegger and family, Theo. Leimer and family of Fruitland, Fred Ruehling and family, Herman Lietnegger and family of Ridge, Perry county, were the guests of H. W. Putz Sunday.

L. R. Bowman of Poca went to Fruitland Sunday night to see his best girl. He wasn't a bit short, only went to see a Miss Short.

PRELIX.

A score or more of pretty young girls at Beaverville, Ind., have formed a league to promote refinement among young men, and, among other things, have resolved to marry no man who drinks, smokes or chews and who does not take the home paper. Drinking is considered the chief evil, smoking and chewing come next, while the young women assert that when a man does not take the home paper it is evidence of a want of intelligence, and that he will prove too stingy to provide for a family, educate his children and encourage institutions of learning in the community. —Ex.

The girls of the above organization have an eye to business and will do good.

## For Sale.

60 egg Cyphers Incubator in first-class condition. Price \$7.50. Apply at Herald office.

## ABSTRACTER.

PRESERVE YOUR TITLE DEEDS. And when you are in need of an Abstract of Title, order from me. You need the Deed to make the property you are buying yours; you need the Abstract to be sure that you are getting it.

All orders placed with me will receive prompt attention. Phone No. 50.

SAM VANDIVORT,  
JACKSON, MO.

## Attention, Farmers.

Before you buy a corn planter call on Taylor & Masterson Bros. at Cape Girardeau or write for circulars of Sattley's New Way Planter. This planter is far ahead of any one on the market. The best and latest improved.

Respectfully,  
TAYLOR & MASTERSON BROS.